

I am writing to protest the proposal to split the 492 exchange between the old 716 area code (covering Erie and Cattaraugus counties) and a new 585 area code for Wyoming county and the Rochester region. This proposal makes no sense: it merely makes it difficult to call one's friends and neighbors, as you have to check on which county they live in. Neither the phone exchanges nor the post office street addresses follow county lines. It will also interfere with inter-community cooperation throughout our school district, which will be split by this proposal.

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